

**HB586: Environment - State Procurement - Purchasing Preferences -
Compost, Mulch, and Soil Amendments**

House Health and Government Operations Committee

March 1, 2023

Position: Favorable with Amendment

Dear Chair Pena-Melnyk and Members of the Committee,

Clean Water Action supports HB586 to give preference to soil amendments that are created from municipal solid waste, food waste, yard waste, clean wood waste, or other organic materials with an important caveat:

Exclude sludge.

Unfortunately, sewage sludge has been an identified source of PFAS contamination on farmland, and therefore we are concerned about encouraging its use in state projects.

Thank you,

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